COVID-19
UPDATES & INFORMATION
6/15/20

Updates, Information & Resources

CORRECTION: ATTENTION HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED (HCBS) PROVIDERS, INCLUDING CASE MANAGERS AND CARE COORDINATORS
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ASSISTED HOUSING FACILITIES COVID-19 RESIDENT HEALTHCARE GUIDANCE
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Maine DHHS awards CARES Act funding to support essential workers and child care providers in response to COVID-19
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Health & Human Services Committee Meeting
Listen to the recording of Commissioner Lambrew’s COVID-19 briefing to the Health & Human Services Committee last Friday, June 12th, here: Click here to listen

Additional Handouts
Questions submitted from HHS Committee to DHHS
DHHS update to HHS Committee
Maine HHS State Allocations

Maine DHHS OADS Updates:
Outdoor Visitation Guidance for Facilities 06/12/2020
Assisted Housing COVID-19 Resident Healthcare Guidance 06/15/2020
COVID-19 Updates at MaineHousing

Southern Maine Agency on Aging: CARES Act Mini-Grants Available in Southern Maine

Labor Commissioner Fortman sends legislative letter updating Maine coronavirus unemployment insurance situation

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on Monday

Maine Initiatives awards $516,920 to grassroots organizations responding to COVID-19

After getting hit hard by COVID-19, Augusta nursing home celebrates being virus free

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging "Resiliency & Recovery Conversation" Series
June 17th 3:00 - 4:00 pm: Volunteer Transportation Check In Call
June 18th 1:00 - 2:00 pm: Keeping Faith During Covid-19
June 24th 2:00 - 3:00 pm: Senior Center Check In Call
July 22nd 2:00 - 3:00 pm: Adult Day Center Check In Call

UMaine Health Connection Chats

Maine DHHS OADS: Appendix K OADS/OMS Video Conference "Office Hours"
- Emergency Person-Centered Planning Requirements – Tuesday, June 16th at 4:00pm
- Telehealth Guidance – Friday, June 19th at 2:00pm
- Alternate Settings and Emergency Quarantine Service – Tuesday, June 23rd at 4:00pm

Please use the following link for all of the above listed meetings:
Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2204655478](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2204655478)
Meeting ID: 220 465 5478
One tap mobile
Free Training for Direct Care Workers on PPE
This grant funded PPE training module was developed specifically for direct care workers. Find the Direct Care training in the yellow box at the link below.

Click here to read more

Alzheimer’s Association: COVID-19 Caring Conversations
COVID-19 Caring Conversations (for people with memory loss and their caregivers)
COVID-19 Caring Conversations For Professionals
Click here for more information and to register

Dementia Workforce Development: Two Models to Prepare for the Future
(National Alzheimer’s and Dementia Resource Center (NADRC) Webinar – June 16, 2020)
An introduction to critical issues in the dementia workforce will be presented. The CATCH-ON program at Rush University Medical Center is addressing workforce needs in unique ways through its Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program. Dr. Erin Emery-Tiburcio will discuss various aspects of CATCH-ON, including the development of Dementia Friendly Communities in Illinois and resources for building your local dementia workforce. A second dementia workforce program example will be provided by Ms. Katelyn Marschall. Ms. Marschall will provide an overview of the Wisconsin Dementia Care Specialist Program and how the Dementia Care Specialist Program impacts people with dementia and their families. Practical resources for dementia professionals developed for use in community-based settings will also be provided.

Click here for more information

Engaging with Reframing & Promoting Health
Tue, Jun 16, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EDT
On Tuesday, June 16th from 12:00 to 1:00, the focus of the Idea and Experience Exchange: Wisdom Inquiry series will be promoting health and engaging with reframing aging in your community. This is a followup conversation from our General Interest Webinar, Ageism is Bad for Your Health. Join us to learn more about changing the narrative on aging within your own community.
Host:
Mary Lou Ciolfi, Acting Administrator, HillHouse Assisted Living, Aging Services Consultant, Adjunct Faculty, University of New England

Click here to register

Virtual Wellness
Register for the webinar on Thursday, June 18 at 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET.
Feeling restless staying at home? Want to learn about how you can participate in Virtual Wellness? The Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky is hosting a second webinar: "Wellness Edge--Staying Apart Together, Volume 2." This is an opportunity to learn about and try out inclusive wellness practices virtually together! Wellness Edge is part of the PRC State Pilot program that aims to increase the quality of engagement for individuals with paralysis and their support networks in recreational settings, and thereby improve health outcomes and enhance the capacity of communities to have inclusive recreational spaces for all individuals. The webinar will include crossfit, social distancing in parks, health check-in activity, and much more. This event is free and open to everyone.

Register for the webinar.
Finding Balance During Covid-19
Tue, Jun 23, 2020 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM EDT
COVID-19 has taken a toll on our collective emotional well-being. On Tuesday, June 23, from 12:00 to 1:30, we will hear from people across our region who can help us understand how we can help our employees, volunteers, people we serve, and ourselves find balance in the face of the grief, stress, uncertainty, and anxiety brought on by the events of COVID-19. During this webinar we will hear how we can remain resilient throughout this disaster and connect to supports that can help. Join us to hear ways folks in our region are addressing this emotionally challenging time in their communities and helpful ideas to navigate this time as a provider, caregiver or volunteer.

Presenters:
- Susan Wehry, MD, Chief of Geriatrics, PI/Director, AgingME: Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP), Department of Primary Care, University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Bobbi Rood, LICSW, Vermont
- Renee Pepin, Ph.D., Research Scientist, Community and Family Medicine, Dartmouth Centers for Health and Aging

Click here to register

Local Community Volunteer Efforts

Check out this initiative!

York Hospital meal delivery volunteer drivers run on full tanks and huge hearts
In addition to meals, York Hospital volunteer drivers deliver compassion, cards, and cheer during the coronavirus pandemic.
Click here to read the article

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Maine Council on Aging is working to share any community efforts & available resources across Maine and have started sharing on our website for easy reference. Check out the link below & share within your networks to ensure that service providers of all kinds can more easily find the services older people need during this crisis. This page is updated daily as we hear from more communities - please check back often!

MCOA Local Community Volunteer Efforts Listing

Are you a part of a local volunteer effort in your community and do not see it listed at the webpage above? Please let us know about it by completing the brief survey here.

In Case You Missed It

Governor Mills Renews State of Civil Emergency For 30 Days As Maine Reopens, Continues to Combat COVID-19
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